

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

October 23, 2025



WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY AT 11 A.M.



FALL CLEAN-UP SCHEDULED SATURDAY OCT 25

8:00 a.m. until ?

Many hands will make light work and we anticipate that the Fall clean-up will take about two hours. We need to sweep the parking lot, pull weeds and dead flowers, pick up cigarette butts and the like.

Please bring gloves and garden tools.
Thank YOU for helping us out!

Pictured earlier this summer: Bob Cole, Alex Murrelle, Jeff Watson, Bruce Carpenter, Keith Carpenter and Zack Cole.

CORN MAZE ADVENTURE!

THIS SATURDAY October 25th, you are invited to join us at Miller's Farm in Columbia Crossroads for a trip through their corn maze, as well as smores and brief Bible Study at a fire pit. Our Youth Group is going and invites you to join the fun. We gather in the parking lot after the 5:15 Service and plan on carpooling.



SKILLED CRAFTSMAN SOUGHT

Our magnificent front doors are in need of re-finishing. The last time they had any attention was nearly a decade ago when former Junior Warden George Lewis gave them some TLC. Due to the age of the doors, they need someone who knows how to strip old varnish, sand the doors and apply new varnish. This is most likely a summertime project. Do you know someone who could do this job? If so, please call the parish office at 570-888-2270 with your recommendation, along with his/her contact information. THANK YOU!



NO WEDNESDAY SERVICE **October 29**



Canon Melinda is needed elsewhere on Wednesday the 29th. She regrets that she is unable to celebrate the Eucharist on Wednesday. Part of her duties will include receiving additional training on creating parish partnerships through the NEPA Synod of the ELCA.

FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC

There will be a free drive-thru Flu shot clinic on Saturday, October 25th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Snyder Elementary school.



October 25& 26 Lessons

First Lesson: Joel 2:23-32 **Psalm:** 65

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 **Gospel:** Luke 18:9-14



Birthdays & Anniversaries



James Nobles 10/24
Michael Wayman 10/26
Harold Anderson 10/31
Joseph Rhodes 11/1

Joseph & Sherry Gabauer 10/23
Glenn & Amy Murrelle 10/27

Scripture Reflection

On the Sunday closest to October 31, Lutherans the world over commemorate the Reformation. This particular date is significant as it is the date Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg in 1517. Recall that the next day, November 1 is All Saints Day, a significant religious holiday in the life of the church and Luther knew worship would be well attended and his theses well read.

The Reformation, however, did not start on a single date and did not conclude within a single month or year. Historical scholarship generally recognizes the Reformation to have occurred between the years 1517 and 1648. In that time, religious wars were fought and religious thought leaders executed. The power of the church hierarchy was supplanted by secular, political power and the modern state began to take shape. Important theologians of the era included Jan Hus, Martin Luther, Philip Melanchthon, Huldrych Zwingli, John Calvin, Desiderius Erasmus, John Knox, and Thomas Cranmer. While none of them sought to begin a new denomination, they became the founders of Anabaptists (Baptist, Amish, Mennonites), Lutherans, Presbyterians and Anglicans.

Historians of Christianity suggest that the church reforms itself every 500 years. By 451, the Council of Chalcedon settled major religious dogma and we now have the Nicene Creed in its final form. In 1054 the Eastern (Orthodox) Church and the western (Roman) church separated over irreconcilable differences in theology and worship. In 1517, what we call the Reformation got fully underway. The Church writ large finds greater society shifting faster than the Church can keep up. Church growth has changed from the northern and western hemisphere to the Global South. In what ways do you see the church undergoing change and transformation? In what ways do you see God reforming and re-energizing God's people?



Brief Recap of Diocesan Convention:

- ♦ **Legal documents approved to reunify Central Pennsylvania with Bethlehem**
- ♦ **New Constitution and Canons approved**
- ♦ **Diocesan Budget approved**
- ♦ **Diocesan Assessments approved**
- ♦ **Bishop Audrey Scanlon elected Bishop with Bishop Kevin Nichols appointed as Assistant Bishop**
- ♦ **Delegates to General Convention elected (Canon Melinda was elected as a clergy member.) General Convention occurs the first week in July 2027 in Phoenix AZ.**
- ♦ **Diocesan Council members elected.**

Pictured: Margaret Cole and Canon Melinda next to the new Diocesan shield.



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS AT ST. JOHN

St. John wanted to share with us the progress of the door and window replacement project of the entryways on the west side of the building. There are just a few minor details to take care of such as exterior handles, caulking etc. but the project should be complete before the cold winter chill sets in. Pictured below is the South Wing west side entrance.



Pictured below is the North Wing west side entrance.



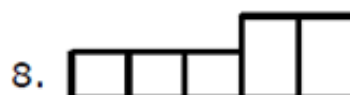
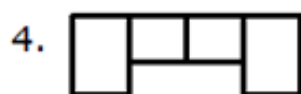
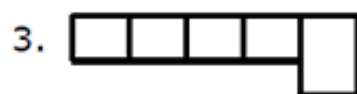
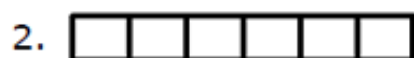
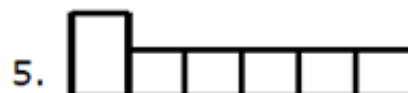
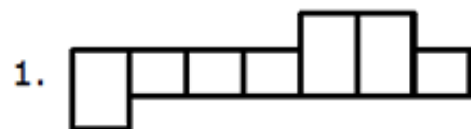


The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector
Luke 18:9-14

The Pharisee & The Tax Collector

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 18:14b (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



humble	parable	heaven	exalt
pray	mercy	temple	sinner

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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MERCY	PARABLE	SINNER	PRAY
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